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He has previously lived in Kenya, Ukraine, and The Bahamas, and is currently *en route* to Kosovo. He is the husband of one lovely wife and the doting father of six children.

"Medieval and magical, yet never derivative, Mr. Bush has crafted a complex and yet comprehensible world..." - Patrick Meehan

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J. Wesley Bush is available as a podcast guest, for blog interviews, and for local speaking engagements in the D.C. and NOVA area through Summer 2019, when he returns to Europe.

Interview and Speaking Topics

A Spoonful of Story Helps the Ideas Go Down: Reaching Hearts and Minds through Genre

4 Continents, 5 Years, & 1 Revolution: The Writing of *Heir to the Raven*

The Family That Writes Together: How to use Writing as a Family -Building Activity

Current and Previous Projects

Heir to the Raven

Releases November 2018

Sabot Books

Epic fantasy with strong adventure, military, and intrigue elements. First in the Pierced Veil series.

Knox's Irregulars

Enclave Publishing, 2014

Military science fiction in the space marine vein. Originally indie-published and then picked up by Enclave.

JWesleyBush.com

Author website and blog focused on writing, culture, politics, and shiny objects.

Dwarf Star Tavern Podcast

The SciFi and Fantasy Bookclub for Introverts

Podcast was a short-term project with other authors discussing current books.

ByteSize Politics Vlog

Quick news commentary with a side of snark on issues like free speech, immigration, gun rights, economics, and more!

Le Sabot Postmodern Blog

Old school blogging before it was cool. Commentary on culture and politics, and live-blogging Ukraine's Orange Revolution. (2003-2008)



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Short Bio

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Long Bio

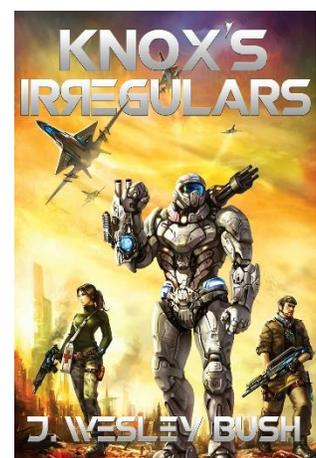
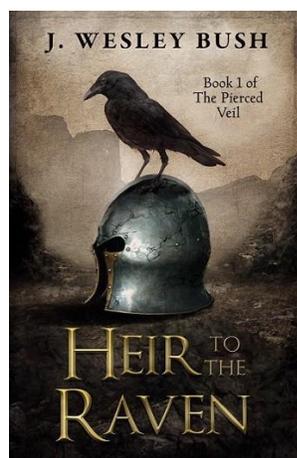
J. Wesley is a lifelong geek with an abiding love of fantasy and sci-fi, and for the way they transport us to other worlds and give unique perspectives on our own.

Life has taken him in some weird and wonderful directions, and these experiences shape his fiction: he has previously served as a U.S. Foreign Service diplomat, an airborne infantryman, a military cryptolinguist, and an NGO worker, as well as worked as a history adjunct and tow-truck driver in the desert.

J. Wesley speaks Russian and Swahili and is learning Albanian in preparation for a move to Kosovo. He currently lives in Washington, DC and has previously worked in Kenya, Ukraine, and The Bahamas.

His graduate work is in American History with a focus on transnational migration.

He has an amazing wife, five sons, and (finally!) a daughter.



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Sample Interview Questions

A Spoonful of Story Helps the Ideas Go Down

- Why is story so important in communicating ideas?
- What are some examples of idea-driven stories done well? Done poorly?
- Isn't this moralizing? Why not?
- What is critical for people to know about using stories to communicate ideas?

4 Continents, 5 Years, and 1 Revolution:

How Heir to the Raven Came to Be

- What was the spark of an idea for this book?
- Kenya? Thailand? How did those locations impact the story?
- A revolution? What happened?
- What were the challenges you faced during this time, and how did that impact the story?

Family that Writes Together: How to use Writing as a Family -Building Activity

- If you aren't writing kids' books, how do you write books with your family?
- What are the benefits of writing together?
- What do your kids think about writing?
- What is your best tip for parents who write and want to connect with their kids?

Other Topics: I'm also available to speak to your audience on writing specific topics such as **worldbuilding** and using the **gig economy** as an author; discussions about **literature** and **genre fiction**; and **parenting** and **travel with kids**.

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